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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## DETAILED ACTION

This is in reference to response received 10 January 2006 to the office action mailed 24 October 2005. Claims 1 – 10 are pending for examination.

In the communication received on 21 February 2006, examiner acknowledges following attachments as mentioned on page 49 of the response.

- Replacement Sheets include 1 page FIG. 2C
- New Sheets 17 pages including FIGs. 2A-B, 6A-C, and 20-24
- Exhibit A (1988 materials)
- Exhibit B (copy of specification as amended)

In the response received, on page 50 applicant recites "Applicants have also amended the specification, drawings, and claims, taking care that the amendments are fully supported by the originally filed provisional and formal application". The provisional application upon which applicant is claiming the priority is the project design document with plurality of figures spread all over the document. Applicant is requested to identify which pages of the provisional applicant has the support for the newly added material for amendment to the drawings, addition of new drawings, amendment and addition to the specification (Exhibit B). Applicant must add the statement "No New Matter Has Been Added".

To determine the priority date based upon Exhibit A, applicant is requested to confirm whether Exhibit A contains 1988 materials or it is a typographical error. In addition applicant is requested to confirm that material in Exhibit A was available on

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January 1, 1988, or else, please provide a date that which the examiner must consider as applicant's priority date.

Applicant is requested to file proper declaration for Exhibit A and Exhibit B to be considered under Rule 131 or 132 affidavits.

Also, examiner acknowledges cancellation of all previously pending claims and addition of new claims 47 – 121. However, examination of pending claims will be conducted after the proper claimed priority date has been determined.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 2 months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naresh Vig whose telephone number is (571) 272-6810. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 - 6:00 (Wednesday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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